

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

## NOTICE REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND OFFICIAL FORMS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2014

### **Rule Changes:**

The Supreme Court approved amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure effective December 1, 2014. The amendments pertain to the following:

- 1) Petitions involving the same debtors filed in different courts;
- 2) Time limits for serving a summons and complaint;
- 3) General pleadings and judgments and costs;
- 4) Bankruptcy appeals; and
- 5) New trials and relief from a judgment or order.

The amendments to the Rules are located at:

[www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/RulesAndPolicies/rules/congressional-package-for-congress.pdf](http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/RulesAndPolicies/rules/congressional-package-for-congress.pdf)

### **Form Changes:**

The Judicial Conference has approved the following amendments to the Official Bankruptcy Forms effective December 1, 2014.

- Official Forms 3A (Application for Individuals to Pay the Filing Fee in Installments) and 3B (Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived) are revised to remove references to fee amounts.
- Official Form B6Sum (Summary) is revised to update line number cross references to the revised means test forms (Official Forms 22A-1, 22A-1 Supp, 22A-2, 22B, 22C-1 and 22C-2).
- Official Forms 17A (Notice of Appeal and Statement of Election), 17B (Optional Appellee Statement of Election to Proceed in District Court) and 17C (Certificate of Compliance with Rule 8015(a)(7)(B) or 8016(d)(2)) are new forms set to go into effect with the revised bankruptcy appellate rules.
- Official Forms 22A-1 (Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income), 22A-1 Supp (Statement of Exemption from Presumption of Abuse Under §707(b)(2)), 22A-2 (Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation), 22B (Chapter 11 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income), 22C-1 (Chapter 13 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income and Calculation of Commitment Period) and 22C-2 (Chapter 13 Calculation of Your Disposable Income) are the revised means test forms. These forms are revised to accommodate changes in the law and as part of the ongoing Forms Modernization Project.

The revised official Bankruptcy Forms may be viewed at the following link:  
[www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms.aspx](http://www.uscourts.gov/FormsAndFees/Forms/BankruptcyForms.aspx)